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To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: QRP-L digest 2455

QRP-L Digest 2455

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by "George, W5YR" <w5yr@att.net>
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by "Gary O. Lyons" <drgary@urx.com>
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- 19) [118955] RadioSpamaterdotcom

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by "Dave Fifield" <dave@redhotradio.com>
- 21) [118957] Re: Key Questions for an OT  
by "Tom" <thom2@worldnet.att.net>
- 22) [118958] FYBO  
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- 23) [118959] SMP - Surface Mount Pads  
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- 25) [118961] Re: what is the easiest way of making a dipole  
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- 26) [118962] TNX NB PWR Ideas  
by "Rod N0RC" <rod@n0rc.com>
- 27) [118963] Re: Parts Source Needed  
by Dave Fouchey <dafouchey@home.com>
- 28) [118964] FYBO in NH  
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- 29) [118965] Rod's Right, No DE!  
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by W0rw@aol.com
- 31) [118967] Re: [fpqrp] Truffle report, ver. 1.02 (fwd)  
by k8cz@att.net
- 32) [118968] Don't Miss the SPARTAN SPRINT ON MONDAY!  
by Russ Carpenter <russ@natworld.com>
- 33) [118969] G4FON Koch learning software  
by "Karl F. Larsen" <k5di@zianet.com>
- 34) [118970] Re: Rod's Right, No DE!  
by Chris Cartwright <ccart@phideaux.com>
- 35) [118971] RE: [fpqrp] Rod's Right, No DE!  
by "N8IE" <n8ie@woh.rr.com>
- 36) [118972] Learning code again  
by "Karl F. Larsen" <k5di@zianet.com>
- 37) [118973] NVQS FYBO 2002 Results  
by "Brian B. Riley \ (N1BQ\)" ListAcct" <n1bq\_list@wulfden.org>
- 38) [118974] small transmitting loops  
by Michael Goins <mgoins@usa.net>
- 39) [118975] Re: Rod's Right, No DE!  
by "John J. McDonough" <wb8rcr@arrl.net>
- 40) [118976] RE: ARRL pdf files  
by "Juanjo Pastor" <ec5aca@wanadoo.es>
- 41) [118977] MFJ 1622 Apartment Antenna  
by Donn Kuse <casey.jay@gte.net>
- 42) [118978] Delaware? Try 6M  
by WE7X@aol.com
- 43) [118979] Re: MFJ 1622 Apartment Antenna

by "Ingo, DK3RED" <dk3red@t-online.de>  
44) [118980] Re: MFJ 1622 Apartment Antenna  
by "Ingo, DK3RED" <dk3red@t-online.de>  
45) [118981] Re: Rod's Right, No DE!  
by "Rod N0RC" <rod@n0rc.com>  
46) [118982] Re: Rod's Right, No DE!  
by "Rod N0RC" <rod@n0rc.com>  
47) [118983] Fantastic Price alert  
by "Rod N0RC" <rod@n0rc.com>  
48) [118984] Grid dip meter.....bugs /maybe tube????  
by IamSF5@aol.com  
49) [118985] Re: Rod's Right, No DE!  
by W2AGN <w2agn@pobox.com>  
50) [118986] Re: Rod's Right, No DE!  
by Larry Cahoon <lejek@erols.com>  
51) [118987] FYBO de N3XRV - long  
by Chris Cartwright <ccart@phideaux.com>  
52) [118988] Tin Alert  
by Michael Bower <bowerm@ix.netcom.com>  
53) [118989] Re: small transmitting loops  
by "DIANNE M WISE" <roy537@prodigy.net>  
54) [118990] Re: G4FON Koch learning software  
by baltimoremd@baltimoremd.com  
55) [118991] Re: Tin Alert  
by kb1dxc <kb1dxc@discovernet.net>  
56) [118992] Re: Tin Alert  
by "Dave Richards" <wr3i@earthlink.net>  
57) [118993] Re: Tin Alert  
by kb1dxc <kb1dxc@discovernet.net>  
58) [118994] 9J2BO AND V31JP ...NEW MW COUNTRIES !!  
by "George Osier" <gosier@twcnny.rr.com>  
59) [118995] What Vertical?  
by Jfelts202@aol.com  
60) [118996] ticks  
by "carl seyersdahl" <carlseye@tampabay.rr.com>  
61) [118997] QSL cards from SK ...OT?  
by N2PTW@cs.com  
62) [118998] Re: ticks  
by "Rod N0RC" <rod@n0rc.com>  
63) [118999] FYBO-N0UR  
by "Jim N0UR" <n0ur@mediaone.net>  
64) [119000] Re: QSL cards from SK ...OT?  
by W2AGN <w2agn@pobox.com>  
65) [119001] Re: QSL cards from SK ...OT?  
by "Tony Fishpool" <tony@g4wif.fsnet.co.uk>  
66) [119002] Re: Tin Alert  
by Michael Fletcher <kl7ixi@attbi.com>  
67) [119003] RE: QSL cards from SK ...OT?

by Nick Kennedy <nkennedy@tcainternet.com>  
68) [119004] FYBO de NA5N  
by "Paul Harden, NA5N" <na5n@rt66.com>  
69) [119005] Tent pole vertical  
by Steven Weber <kd1jv@moose.ncia.net>  
70) [119006] FYBO 10/15M  
by "Paul Harden, NA5N" <na5n@rt66.com>  
71) [119007] Re: ticks  
by "E. Roswell" <eroswell@monmouth.com>  
72) [119008] Re: QSL cards from SK ...OT?  
by K4IA@aol.com  
73) [119009] Where is XE2EKK  
by "w8diz" <w8diz@fpqrp.com>  
74) [119010] PSK31 and Kenwood TS-570S  
by Niels <nkristja@cadvision.com>  
75) [119011] Leader LTC-906  
by Niels <nkristja@cadvision.com>  
76) [119012] Re: Tin Alert  
by KB90CE@aol.com

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Date: Sat, 2 Feb 2002 17:09:32 -0700  
From: William R Colbert <w5xe@juno.com>  
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu, n9ik@qsl.net  
Subject: [118937] RE: Info re: Keys  
Message-ID: <20020202.170933.-381443.6.w5xe@juno.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

try Neal's website for your key info at:

A WWW Page for Telegraph Key Collectors and Historians  
[http://www.metronet.com/~nmcewen/tel\\_off.html](http://www.metronet.com/~nmcewen/tel_off.html)

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I don't approve of political jokes. I've seen too  
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Ray Colbert, W5XE, 00TC#3618, SOWP#1064M  
NARTE-NCT2R FP# 111, SOC#78, ARCI 5784,  
El Paso, (FAR WEST) TEXAS

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Date: Sat, 2 Feb 2002 18:18:26 -0500

From: G Brandon Hoyt <preacher102677@juno.com>  
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU  
Subject: [118938] Re: FYBO  
Message-ID: <20020202.181829.-3934387.0.preacher102677@juno.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

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Date: Sat, 2 Feb 2002 19:21:00 -0500  
From: "Tom Pennebaker" <n4rs@netpath-rc.net>  
To: <kc4atu@yahoo.com>,  
"Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>  
Subject: [118939] Re: what is the easiest way of making a dipole  
Message-ID: <017f01c1ac48\$ab2165c0\$872a1bce@pavilion>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain;  
charset="iso-8859-1"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Kinda strange....he's not sure what he wants but knows what he doesn't  
want...duh...did I miss something here?

----- Original Message -----

From: "Bill ROWLETT" <kc4atu@yahoo.com>  
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>  
Sent: Saturday, February 02, 2002 17:00 PM  
Subject: Re: what is the easiest way of making a dipole

> Some where along the way some of the post here have  
> missed the point. The question was for the easiest

> way.  
> Now, all the post have had good ideas and true, what  
> is easy for one person may not be for another.  
>  
> Two posters had the easiest way, strip the twin lead  
> back to make the two halves and use the remaining twin  
> lead as the feed line. Only connection is at the tuner  
> or the radio. Tuner for multi band, Radio for mono band  
> use. What could be easier???  
>  
> Have a 20meter dipole made from 300ohm twin lead done  
> in this maner. It is mounted in my attic and works  
> great. All bands 10 to 20 meters.  
>  
> 73, Bill KC4ATU  
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> -----  
> Do You Yahoo!?  
> Great stuff seeking new owners in Yahoo! Auctions!  
> <http://auctions.yahoo.com>

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Date: Sat, 2 Feb 2002 19:56:31 -0500  
From: kb1dxc <kb1dxc@discovernet.net>  
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU  
Subject: [118940] RE: Info re: Keys  
Message-ID: <a05100301b8823b06dd42@[216.221.130.110]>  
Mime-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii" ; format="flowed"

Thor, N9IK

All web links are case sensitive. Email, however is not.

Mike  
KB1DXC

>OK. I Figured out why the link was not working. For some reason this  
>particular link is CASE sensitive. The link to my page must be lower case:  
>[www.qsl.net/n9ik](http://www.qsl.net/n9ik). Since I used all caps earlier, the link took you to some  
>advertising page, with which I am \_not\_ connected.  
>  
>I know that this has probably been a lot more trouble than it's worth to  
>most of you, but I appreciate the effort.  
>

>Thanks again,

>

>- Thor, N9IK

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>> -----Original Message-----

>> From: owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU [mailto:owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU]On Behalf Of

>> Thor, n9ik

>> Sent: Saturday, February 02, 2002 3:51 PM

>> To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion

>> Subject: RE: Info re: Keys

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>>

>> Wouldn't you know it. Shortly after I posted my first email, I

>> received an

>> email from K3TKG with my QSL.NET password, so I've moved the link

>> to the Key

>> pictures to: WWW.QSL.NET/N9IK. You won't be subject to those

>> obnoxious adds

>> at geocities now. Sorry for the quick change.

>>

>> - Thor, N9IK

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Date: Sat, 2 Feb 2002 18:56:55 -0600

From: "Thor, n9ik" <n9ik@qsl.net>

To: <w5xe@juno.com>,

"Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>

Subject: [118941] RE: Info re: Keys

Message-ID: <NEBBLNLOELOIHIEKHCPAIELECLAA.n9ik@qsl.net>

MIME-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: text/plain;

charset="Windows-1252"

Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Cool site, I just added it to my favorites to look it over fully tomorrow.  
Unfortunately I have not more time this evening - got to run to dinner with  
the xyl - it's her birthday - and I'm already late.

73,

- Thor, N9IK

> -----Original Message-----

> From: owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU [mailto:owner-qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU]On Behalf Of

> William R Colbert

> Sent: Saturday, February 02, 2002 6:10 PM  
> To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion  
> Subject: RE: Info re: Keys  
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> A WWW Page for Telegraph Key Collectors and Historians  
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Date: Sat, 2 Feb 2002 20:14:07 -0500  
From: "Brian Murrey" <brian@iquest.net>  
To: "Pigs" <fpqrp-1@mpna.com>, "QRP-L" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [118942] Flying Pigs QRP Club International - FYBO Results  
Message-ID: <000901c1ac50\$14a392f0\$4b372bd1@bmurrey2K>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain;  
        charset="iso-8859-1"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Whew...man...now I know what FYBO means.

FREEZE YOUR BACON OFF!

Team W8PIG was representing the hopes, dreams, and fears of the Flying Pigs QRP Club International today, in deep southeastern Indiana, from near the shores of beautiful Brookville Lake.

We started out at a balmy 27 degrees, which isn't that bad compared to ME and VT stations we worked that reported single digits....but did I mention the WIND??? I've been home for a couple hours, compiling our score and my feet are still cold. I think we briefly cracked a windy 40 degrees and then it took another plunge.

The station was manned by Diz Gentzow (W8DIZ), Rick Powell (WB6JBM), Randy Lemmel (WV9N)- NOTE: Randy turns 50 this week so we spanked him,



and fed him cake. It was the highlight of the day - ours, not his, Phil Wilcox (WB8ABE) and yours truly Brian Murrey (KB9BVN). Diz brought 1000 feet of wire, so we made a 700 foot wire loop and stuck it about 30 feet up into the trees, it worked very well with the Icom 746 turned down to 5w and Diz's FB homebrew tuner setup.

During the contest we feasted on homemade chicken and dumplings, courtesy of my XYL Ann, birthday cake, and a couple dozen Krispy Kremes courtesy of Phil. Do the math...5 guys, 24 donuts. When will Phil learn?

One other highlight were the semi-frozen restroom facilities....yes indeedy...rumor has it that someone may need a skin graft....I think he's missing some "bacon" skin.

Anyway, we worked stations on 4 bands (10,15,20,40) 25 states, 4 DX entities, including LZ2RS...Rumi must have bionic ears.

71 QSO's, 29 SPC's, Low Temp of 27, Worked from Afield with Alternate Power....looks like we earned...82,360 points.

I can't speak for the rest of the guys but as for me, I never have a better amateur radio time than when I am with the Flying Pigs, in the field, working QRP. I think we all had to drive for over an hour to reach the designated spot. Phil drove close to 3 hours and wins the long distance Flying Pig award.

I hope everyone had as much fun as we did. Can't wait until the next time!

72 de KB9BVN/QRP

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SOC #400 AND FLYING PIGS QRP #-57  
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Date: Sun, 3 Feb 2002 01:11:40 -0000  
From: "David H. Walker" <k0cop@earthlink.net>

To: <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>  
Subject: [118943] Licensing Info  
Message-ID: <001301c1ac4f\$d70816f0\$6401a8c0@k0cop>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain;  
charset="iso-8859-1"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

For all wishing info on licensing in different areas of the world try  
[www.qsl.net/oh2mcn/license.htm](http://www.qsl.net/oh2mcn/license.htm)  
I have been to Jamaica and no problem with radios or license. Just follow  
the info sheet from the Jamaica agency. If you need more info give me an  
e-mail.

David H. Walker, K0COP  
48 Wallace Pate Drive  
Georgetown, SC 29440  
843-436-0200  
ARRL /LM  
FISTS#4748  
TIME=UTC  
GCWA  
RSGB

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Date: Sat, 2 Feb 2002 20:18:47 -0500  
From: "Brian Murrey" <brian@iquest.net>  
To: <preacher102677@juno.com>,  
"Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [118944] Re: FYB0  
Message-ID: <003c01c1ac50\$bb837400\$4b372bd1@bmurrey2K>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain;  
charset="Windows-1252"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

As bad as our teeth we chattering today, we'd be doing about 80  
wpm...send only!

<grin>

73

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Sent: Saturday, February 02, 2002 6:18 PM  
Subject: Re: FYBO

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Date: Sat, 2 Feb 2002 20:54:54 -0500  
From: "Walt Amos" <k8cv@netzero.net>  
To: "Posts to Qrp-1" <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>  
Subject: [118945] FYBO logs ? Where ?  
Message-ID: <000501c1ac55\$c767f0c0\$d79e9840@walatk8cv>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain;  
charset="iso-8859-1"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

What is Joe Gervais ( AB7TT ) e-mail address?

Walt Amos K8CV Royal Oak, MI.

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Date: Sat, 2 Feb 2002 21:08:49 -0500 (EST)  
From: Chris Cartwright <ccart@phideaux.com>  
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [118946] FYBO logs to AB7TT  
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.21.0202022107210.10412-100000@dns.phideaux.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

>From <http://www.extremezone.com/~nk7m/fybo2002.htm>

Mail logs by March 3,2002 to: Joe Gervais (AB7TT), PO Box 5010, Peoria, AZ 85385. Include station description, category, op(s), and max power out. For more info, send email to Joe.

His email is [fybo@ultralightbackpacker.com](mailto:fybo@ultralightbackpacker.com)

-- Chris Cartwright, Unix Administrator | ccart@phideaux.com --  
-- N3XRV ARRL-VE Norcal Zombie #163 | Oxford, PA 19363 FM29as --  
-- MDmW #5 NJ-QRP #105 QRP-L #655 NORCAL #1891 FISTS #5028 QRP-ARCI #9271 --

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Date: Sat, 02 Feb 2002 21:10:48 -0500  
From: Dave Fouchey <dafouchey@home.com>  
To: preacher102677@juno.com,  
"Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [118947] Re: FYBO  
Message-ID: <4.1.20020202210849.0095e310@localhost>  
Mime-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

Well you could try these nifty items.

<http://www.grabberwarmers.com/index.htm>

I bought a case of hand and toe warmers from them for my outside Techs here in Michigan. they tell me they last about 7 hours and really work well.

No affiliation with them just a satisfied customer.

73's and keep warm.

Dave

WA4EMR Sterling Heights, MI

At 06:18 PM 2/2/2002 -0500, G Brandon Hoyt wrote:

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Date: Sun, 3 Feb 2002 02:48:56 +0000

From: Kevin L Anderson <k9iua@juno.com>

To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu

Subject: [118948] FYBO from HOME in Iowa

Message-ID: <20020203.024907.12222.2.K9IUA@juno.com>

FYBOers (to the "real" one who braved the cold)...

I hope you are all safe and now warm.

Had to do this one from home, as I had a bunch of chores to tend with (honey-do's like laundry), plus I couldn't find my trusty thermometer (had I found it, I would have at least sat out in the car).

Thanks for the Qs. I managed to give 49 of you some points on 40-10 m. Nice conditions except

overall. Sorry about my "rough" keying (and I didn't even have the excuse of cold weather <grin>). The coldest person I worked was 11 F. Brrr. Quite a few of you were just above the noise level for me, so sorry about the many fill requests.

Don't worry, my 49 Qs and 20 SPCs, with no other multipliers, for a total of 980 points won't stop the rest of you from winning in your category. I am sure that everyone else beat me by a long shot.

Have a safe journey home, to recovery, and thanks again for the Qs.

Cheers/73.

Kevin, K9IUA

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Kevin Anderson, K9IUA, Dubuque, Iowa  
e-mail: K9IUA@juno.com      Opinions all my own.  
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Date: Sat, 2 Feb 2002 20:52:46 -0600

From: Nick Kennedy <nkennedy@tcainternet.com>

To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>

Subject: [118949] RE: Key Questions for an OT

Message-ID: <01C1AC2B.91F04B60.nkennedy@tcainternet.com>

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Hmm ... I guess I could qualify as an OT since when I started in '62 keyers were pretty rare. I probably went a few years before I heard one. I know I have a log entry on a QSO saying, "using a keyer". Most novice and semi-casual CW ops were using straight keys and most serious CW operators were using bugs when I started.

How did they sound? ... not even sure I can remember. They (bugs) sounded wonderful in many ways. They allowed a degree of personal expression that you don't get with a keyer. A 'tone of voice' ... a bit of emphasis here, rhythmic syncopation there. But let's face it--when keyers became

available, we all went to them because, in most ways, they sounded better.

These days when I send with a bug, it doesn't sound as good as my "rose colored" memory recalls it. Maybe I sounded better then ... I don't know.

I know some guys sounded fabulous. One high school friend had a homemade bug that used a coping saw blade for a spring. He played that thing like a Stradivarius. And the note of that HT-40 and Signal Shifter -- it rang like an anvil!

Now the novice bands back then were a glorious, seething mass of signals.

You think SS is QRM? It was like that every night. This was pretty much all straight keys. Some were painfully slow. Others moved along with excellent speed spacing. These kids made hundreds and hundreds of QSOs in that novice year, and near the end of it they were very good CW operators.

Getting that bug back then was like a teenager getting his first car today.

Freedom! Speed limited only by your skill. Because you can only send so fast on a straight key. Yes, I've heard a few guys that top 20 WPM on a J-38 and sound like a keyer, but few can do it. I sure can't.

"Clicking" type Morse was limited to telegraph stuff. Railroad and so on.

Ham radio Morse has always had a tone--even though spark's tone was much different than the sine waves we listen to now. I don't know when bugs became generally available, but I'm sure it was before my time and before I was born ('48).

Someone else will have to tell about Lionel's appeal. I think it's a later-day thing. Stuff that was commonplace back then is revered now.

Back then, the J-38 was commonplace. Folks weren't contemptuous of it, but it was just a cheap commodity. I don't recall people caring too much about what kind of straight key they had back then. If they were serious about CW, they wanted a good bug. If they were high-tech, they'd want a keyer. There were some homebrew circuits (tube) around when I started, and there was the Hallicrafters HA-1 "T-O" keyer. And just bursting on the scene was the super-sexy Hammarlund HK-1B \*\*All Transistor\*\* keyer. A high school friend got one for Christmas. I can still taste the jealousy.

BTW--when keyers starting becoming popular, it was common to bolt two J-38's together to make a paddle.

Enough. Hope I at least partly addressed the question.

72--Nick, WA5BDU

... who bought his first J-38 at Ft. Tuthill in 1999 for \$35 and is glad to have it.

-----Original Message-----

From: Dennis Payton [SMTP:dpayton@fwi.com]  
Sent: Saturday, February 02, 2002 9:29 AM  
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion  
Subject: Key Questions for an OT

I've been wondering what it was like back when most people operated SK. How long ago was it? Were there a lot more bad fists - guys you could hardly (or just plain couldn't) make out? Was a Lionel the most popular key? What kind of code speeds did you hear? When did bugs become popular? When did electronic keying become popular? Were clicking sounders replaced by tones, or were they two completely different methods of operating?

Would somebody mind commenting, or know of a book that would answer these types of questions?

I'm really fascinated with keys, and operating SK but I'm terrible! I guess I just don't have rhythm. It seems to me that somebody who plays music would be a natural at it.

Thanks,

Denny Payton, N9JXY  
Auburn, IN

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Date: Sat, 2 Feb 2002 22:31:51 -0500  
From: "Brice D. Hornback" <bdh@cyberbound.net>  
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [118950] Parts Source Needed  
Message-ID: <016a01c1ac63\$52731ca0\$7001a8c0@lwinc1.in.home.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
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Ok... this is probably going to be one of the strangest requests in history... but does anyone know of a source for brass (unplated) BNC connectors and 1/8" phone jacks?

Thanks.

73/72/71! de Brice KA8MAV

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Date: Sat, 2 Feb 2002 21:34:50 -0600  
From: Nick Kennedy <nkennedy@tcainternet.com>  
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion (E-mail)" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [118951] FYBO Saga 2002--Comedy or Tragedy?  
Message-ID: <01C1AC31.729DBE40.nkennedy@tcainternet.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"  
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Why does my FYBO excursion always sound like a script for Howard, Fine & Howard?

Two years ago, my Red Hot 20 caught cold. Last year, my 2N/2-40, not yet in the box, wasn't ready for prime time and got blasted by an AM BC station at the foot of the mountain. Plus, I was seized by an irrational fear of bears after my brother reported sighting Yogi and Boo Boo near my operating position.

This year should be different. My rigs are healthy. And last year (just after FYBO), I closed the deal on 9 acres on Petit Jean mountain. It's got a picnic table and a great view. But am *I* healthy? My 50-something age decided to send me a greeting in the form of a herniated disk and a condition known as sciatica a month or so ago. It makes your leg hurt like hell and walking farther than to the kitchen for a beer can be a bit challenging. But put away the hankies and violins--I'm getting better. Got in the Miata last night and put in the clutch TWENTY times. (I haven't been able to drive it for the past three weeks because of the difficulty of that maneuver.)

OK--decided to leave my menagerie of QRP rigs behind and just go with the IC-706-2G. Keep it simple. Packed the rig, MFJ switcher, paddle, and all the other things on my FYBO checklist--clock, camera, KI6DS Arkiecon 99 logbook. Everything. Headed out at around 7 AM. Stopped at McDonalds and picked up a couple McMuffins and a cuppa coffee. Strenuous QRP activities require a good load of chloesterol, fat and caffiene. Pulling away, I knocked the coffee cup off the console. The lid was on tight, but when I lurched out to grab it, I knocked it off. The whole cup of coffee poured down my left hip and created a coffee aquarium in the floor behind the seat. Is this Freeze-Y-B-O or Scald-Y-B-O? But it wasn't really lawsuit-hot and there was nothing to do but move on.

Pleasant 45 minute drive up the mountain with coffee scented backside and oldies on the radio. I won't be able to claim "field" status because I have a 66 foot flattop fed with twinlead up there. And a trailer I can go into to warm up. But I'm not in shape for antenna adventures. And I won't be able to claim "emergency" power because my little gel-cell won't run the '706. But I'm going to a lot of trouble and I'm gonna get cold--so I've

got the proper spirit.

OK--temperature is below 30. (Arkies aren't rated for anything below 40.)

I go in the trailer and make a pot of coffee first. Need some for the other hip. Turn on the heat. It's a heat pump, so it ought to be warm by about June.

Back outside. My 66 foot flattop has fallen down. I'm without spud gun or bow & arrow and not in condition for serious rock throwing. But I tie on a big rock and twirl it in a circle, David & Goliath style, and release.

Good height, but missed the tree. Try it again. This time it goes more or less straight up. Great--it's either gonna knock a hole in the trailer's roof, or hit me on the head and put me out of my misery. But it lands harmlessly ten feet from me. Third try and I'm 30 feet up. Not going to complain about that. I drag the MFJ antenna tuner out of the trailer and put in on the table, then set up the rig. Afraid I'd forgotten a coax jumper, but there's one on the tuner. Hands are really cold--didn't bring gloves. Plug in the paddle. Almost there ...

Forgot the power cord. The one with the 6 pin Molex connector that plugs into the '706. Now way to fake that.

Have another cup of coffee. Pack it up and head out. One the way off the mountain, three deer cross in front of me. In the river bottoms, I see two beautiful bald eagles sitting side by side in a big dead tree. So it's not a total loss.

So if I'm in your log, you'll notice my temperature is 72 degrees. Had a good number of fun QSOs on 10 & 15 (FT-1000), 20 (Red Hot 20) and 40 (2N2/40). Next year, it's going to be different.

72--Nick, WA5BDU

"Her daddy was lazy and no-count ...  
... claimed he had a bad back"

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Date: Sat, 02 Feb 2002 21:48:32 -0600  
From: "George, W5YR" <w5yr@att.net>  
To: wb8rcr@arrl.net  
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [118952] Re: Hickock Oscilloscope  
Message-ID: <3C5CB310.9ABA398@att.net>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii

Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

The radio service shop I worked in during high school had that scope or one of similar vintage and I used it a lot for audio signal tracing, etc.

A basic little scope like that has many uses around the shack for monitoring audio and even r-f output.

Hit the ARRL books, including any old Hint and Kinks, etc. for ideas.

One big warning, though: bring the power up very slowly with a variac in small steps over a couple of hours to attempt to reform the electrolytics that have probably dried out by now.

Any "ancient" gear can be a challenge to rebuild and considering its limited performance, it might not be worth the effort. Why not toss it on eBay "as is" and see who bites?

72/73/00, George W5YR - the Yellow Rose of Texas  
Fairview, TX 30 mi NE of Dallas in Collin county EM13qe  
Amateur Radio W5YR, in the 56th year and it just keeps getting better!  
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"John J. McDonough" wrote:

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> I have an ancient scope, a Hickock R.F.O. 1. The thing is in pretty decent  
> shape, and actually works, after a fashion. (or at least it did the last  
> time I plugged it in, a decade or two ago!) I think the response of the  
> thing barely covers the audio range so it's not especially useful.

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> The question is, does it make sense to clean the thing up and try to peddle  
> it to some antique radio collector, or should I just send it to the trash?

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Date: Sat, 2 Feb 2002 20:08:46 -0800  
From: "Gary O. Lyons" <drgary@urx.com>  
To: <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [118953] Re: Traveling w/ Qrp gear?  
Message-ID: <000301c1ac68\$7b2b5c20\$2bd56bce@GLyons>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain;

charset="iso-8859-1"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Roger,

I recommend two things to consider. First, if you chose to carry it on be prepared to demonstrate it as working equipment in some fashion. That means carrying a battery pack (Ni-Cad, etc NOT SLAs) or a small power supply. Second, avoid the temptation to carry tools in your carry on. It's amazing how much they begin to resemble "sharp objects."

I've traveled nearly 25,000 miles by air since the end of November. I carry my K1-4 inside a shoulder bag (protected in a plastic Rubber Maid container with a little foam) and have had no difficulty carrying it on yet. It has raised no questions at all going through the x-ray machine.

The bag was hand searched one time. I showed the security person the copy of my license sitting on top of the rig, flipped the switch to internal battery, turned it on for him loud enough to hear the background noise, and cycled through all four bands so he could see the display, and that was it. I packed it back up and got on the airplane without any difficulty.

One other thing - the antenna, tool kit, and other "necessary items" were checked in baggage. I chose to avoid stressing the security system too much with those things.

My greatest challenge traveling with the K1-4 is finding hotel rooms with windows that open. But that's another story.

Good luck traveling with QRP.

72,  
Gary/NQ7T

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Date: Sat, 02 Feb 2002 20:10:13 -0800  
From: Russ Dow <n7dw@qsl.net>  
To: Schunn99@aol.com  
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [118954] Re: what is the easiest way of making a dipole  
Message-ID: <3C5CB825.7000000@qsl.net>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii; format=flowed  
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Hi Scott and the gang,

I have a 30 meter dipole made of #22 Teflon wire (good stuff), fed with (argh!) RG-174. I know about the losses in RG-174, but the length is short, and the goal was to have a simple, lightweight antenna.

Center and end insulators are made from scraps of wood doweling, about 3/8 inch diameter, 2 inches long. I drilled small holes in the dowel ends to take the wire. At the center I soldered the coax directly to the wire. For strain relief I wrapped the coax part way around the center dowel and secured it with a small cable tie.

Just a thought - hope it helps.

73,  
Russ N7DW

Schunn99@aol.com wrote:

> hi,guys,  
> what is the easiest way of making a dipole that could be used for  
> backpacking?  
> I want to make a dipole for 20 meters I already made the correct length of  
> the speaker wire which is about 14 feet each side.  
> I don't want to use a plexeglass or pvc "t". Any suggestions?  
> For the dipole and for the sw-20, how many watts do i need for the soldering  
> iron?  
> And will any kind of solder work?  
>  
> Scott Hunnicutt  
> Kg4oqu  
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Date: Sat, 2 Feb 2002 21:07:40 -0800  
From: "Dave Fifield" <dave@redhotradio.com>  
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [118955] RadioSpamaterdotcom  
Message-ID: <000f01c1ac70\$b49c2090\$0500a8c0@AD6A>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain;

charset="iso-8859-1"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Anyone else receive a spam message from  
www.radioamater.com today?

Why on earth would I want to do business  
with a company that can't even spell the  
word "amateur".....I couldn't believe it when  
I saw it.....these people have wasted their  
time and money on this shabby domain name.

Oh well, it takes all sorts....

72, Dave, AD6A

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Date: Sat, 2 Feb 2002 21:11:12 -0800  
From: "Dave Fifield" <dave@redhotradio.com>  
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [118956] Re: RadioSpamaterdotcom  
Message-ID: <001501c1ac71\$32c44510\$0500a8c0@AD6A>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain;  
charset="iso-8859-1"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Oh, I see...they are a YU outfit - guess it's the  
EU spelling....still, it doesn't work for me.

72, Dave, AD6A

----- Original Message -----  
From: "Dave Fifield" <dave@redhotradio.com>  
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>  
Sent: Saturday, February 02, 2002 9:07 PM  
Subject: RadioSpamaterdotcom

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> 72, Dave, AD6A  
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Date: Sun, 3 Feb 2002 00:19:13 -0500  
From: "Tom" <thom2@worldnet.att.net>  
To: <dpayton@fwi.com>,  
    "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [118957] Re: Key Questions for an OT  
Message-ID: <00c901c1ac72\$539e0a40\$4fdc580c@1xjhu>  
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Hi gang,

Well as Bruce points out, it was REALLY hard to operate SK...hi

I'm sorry for a poor attempt at a joke at Denny's expense...But seriously,  
its nice to hear him asking about those days.

IMHO the J-38 appeals is similar to that of a '57 Chevy. Lets face it guys,  
that was only the family car in 1959, now its a classic. Did it get any  
better over the years or are we remembering the "good old days"? Don't get  
me wrong, they were good. I was licensed in 1964 and as I recall the  
sunspot cycle was as low as it could get, a qso from New York to Chicago was  
a pretty good accomplishment on 40 meters at night, considering you were  
competing with Radio Free Europe and Russian jammers.

Yes, there were great operators and there were guys for who you would have  
thought the term QLF? (are you sending with your left foot?) was invented.

But as one of the other guys mentioned, you had one year as a  
novice..non-renewable. After that year you were either a General, a  
technician or an ex-ham and during that year you saw guys really progress in  
their CW skills. You could often tell how long a novice had been licensed  
by his fist.

It was fun but you always had one eye on the calendar and one on your code

speed. It was recommended that you be able to copy 15 wpm in order to pass the 13 wpm code test, given for jitters. But we all seemed to pass eventually. It was a lot of pressure, because in the meantime you were learning the theory portion of the General exam. Of course, most of us were teenagers and didn't have enough money to go out on dates because a 6146 final costs about the same as taking you-know-who to the movies.

I think that's why we all look back fondly at the J-38. Like that '57 Chevy, it reminds us of a time past, never to be re-attained. I'm not for a minute saying this a good or a bad thing, that's an individual decision we'll all make ourselves. I've said that I feel bad I don't seem to have my J-38 anymore, but I wonder if it's one of those things, like an old girlfriend, that's better left as a memory. I'm not sure anything can measure up to those memories, and I don't think I want to disillusion myself with reality.

Bugs were expensive and the price was a good excuse(for me anyway) not to learn how to use it. Keyers were very hi-tech at the time. I saw one in a Handbook or someplace and was the most complicated thing you'd ever want to look at, particularly compared to today's TIC's, etc.

I like Straight Key Night, I like the sound of my call the way it used to sound with exaggerated dahh's here and there and the dits with an attitude, but I kinda like the convenience of a memory keyer and the crispness of the sound.

I also like my Min-van, although I kinda miss that '57 Chevy.

Thanks for asking Denny.

Tom McCulloch  
WB2QDG  
(Formerly WN2QDG- but only for year)

Friend of Bill W.  
--- If you are too, drop me a line.

-----Original Message-----

From: Dennis Payton <dpayton@fwi.com>  
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>  
Date: Saturday, February 02, 2002 10:33 AM  
Subject: Key Questions for an OT

>I've been wondering what it was like back when most people operated SK. How  
>long ago was it? Were there a lot more bad fists - guys you could hardly  
>(or  
>just plain couldn't) make out? Was a Lionel the most popular key? What kind



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>be a natural at it.  
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>Thanks,  
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>Denny Payton, N9JXY  
>Auburn, IN  
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Date: Sat, 2 Feb 2002 23:01:24 -0700  
From: "Al Dawkins" <alk0frp@attbi.com>  
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [118958] FYBO  
Message-ID: <001101c1ac78\$3ba66c60\$0200a8c0@als>  
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    did 3.5 hours from home, warm and toasty  
and MY antennas  
20m  
55 q's 27 states  
    40 m  
40 q's 23 states  
  
Al K0FRP

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Date: Sun, 03 Feb 2002 02:42:12 -0500  
From: John Wagner <john@wagner-usa.net>  
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>

Subject: [118959] SMP - Surface Mount Pads  
Message-ID: <3C5CE9D4.69713B75@wagner-usa.net>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

QRP-L'ers,

I've come up with a technique for using SMT parts with manhattan style construction that I think might prove useful to others. I don't lay claim to inventing the idea, but I've yet to see it descibed elsewhere.

Here is a web page describing the technique;

<http://www.qsl.net/kb1ens/smp/>

I hope it proves useful to others.

73,

John, N1Q0

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John Wagner - [john@wagner-usa.net](mailto:john@wagner-usa.net)  
Web page: <http://www.neknetwork.com>

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Date: Sun, 3 Feb 2002 05:27:39 -0700 (MST)  
From: "Karl F. Larsen" <[k5di@zianet.com](mailto:k5di@zianet.com)>  
To: <[qrp-l@lehigh.edu](mailto:qrp-l@lehigh.edu)>  
Subject: [118960] FYB0 Blues  
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.33.0202030521300.1584-1000000@Daisy.dog>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

I got started late because of business. Got to the pass and it was 30 degrees and windy. Got out the card table and gear and was set up but could not get the 10 meter swr down. Could hear huge signals but could not get rf into the w3ff antenna. Was changeing to 15 meters when I noticed a change in the weather. Still cloudy and windy and cold but now it started to sleet. Put up with that about 5 minutes and noticed my FT-817 was wet. Decided this was not going to fly, and got all the stuff in the truck and went home.

It's still raining in this desert town. \*LOVE\* it!

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Yours Truly,

- Karl F. Larsen, k5di@arrl.net (505) 524-3303 -  
<http://www.zianet.com/k5di/>

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Date: Sun, 03 Feb 2002 07:27:35 -0500  
From: Ray Sills <raysills@1stconnect.com>  
To: <Schunn99@aol.com>  
Cc: QRP list <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>  
Subject: [118961] Re: what is the easiest way of making a dipole  
Message-ID: <B882071F.D6F4%raysills@1stConnect.com>  
Mime-version: 1.0  
Content-type: text/plain; charset="US-ASCII"  
Content-transfer-encoding: 7bit

Hi Scott:

February 2002's QST has an easy to make dipole antenna for 20 meters on page 36. It's made from 300 Ohm TV antenna twinlead. It might be just what you want.

73 de Ray

> From: Schunn99@aol.com  
> Reply-To: Schunn99@aol.com  
> Date: Sat, 2 Feb 2002 10:27:06 EST  
> To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>  
> Subject: what is the easiest way of making a dipole  
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> hi,guys,  
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> iron?  
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>  
> Scott Hunnicutt  
> Kg4oqu

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Date: Sun, 3 Feb 2002 07:59:08 -0700  
From: "Rod N0RC" <rod@n0rc.com>  
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [118962] TNX NB PWR Ideas  
Message-ID: <000a01c1acc3\$55b107f0\$6401a8c0@greyrock>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
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                charset="iso-8859-1"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Thanks all for the Notebook computer power ideas.

WORST IDEA: Buy a new computer. Why on earth would I want to spend all that money?!? (That's a rhetorical question \_\_NOT\_\_ requiring a post or email to me!)

BEST IDEA: DC-DC converter. Not only will it solve my immediate problem, it has application to other unspecified future power needs for field OPS. And, I get to learn some new electronics subject mater. Check out: "My All Purpose Voltage Booster"; Sam Ulbing, N4UAU; QST, July 1997. Available as a PDF at: <http://n4uautoo.home.sprynet.com/kits/Booster%20QST.pdf> (Note this is copyright by ARRL).

BEST ADVICE: Watch out for computers requires "+" / "-" supply voltage.

QRP-L: You got questions, we got answers, just like Radio Shack. ;-)

73, Rod N0RC  
Ft Collins, CO

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Date: Sun, 03 Feb 2002 10:04:44 -0500  
From: Dave Fouchey <dafouchey@home.com>  
To: bdh@cyberbound.net,  
                "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [118963] Re: Parts Source Needed  
Message-ID: <4.1.20020203100351.00998da0@localhost>  
Mime-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

Brice I have to ask, WHY un plated?

73's

Dave wa4emr Sterling Heights, MI

At 10:31 PM 2/2/2002 -0500, Brice D. Hornback wrote:

>Ok... this is probably going to be one of the strangest requests in  
>history... but does anyone know of a source for brass (unplated) BNC  
>connectors and 1/8" phone jacks?

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>Thanks.

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>73/72/71! de Brice KA8MAV

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Date: Sun, 3 Feb 2002 07:42:24 -0800 (PST)

From: Jim Cluett <w1pid@yahoo.com>

To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu

Subject: [118964] FYBO in NH

Message-ID: <20020203154224.59135.qmail@web11606.mail.yahoo.com>

MIME-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii

OK - Steve "Melt Solder" KD1JV is the bravest ham in New Hampshire. Congrats Steve on the trip and the success with your new antenna. Sounds like you had some warm solder with you on the mountain for you to last so long. My only claim is that I'm probably a braver ham than Ed K1VP (who didn't go out anywhere). I set up on the deck with the FT-817 and a random wire and the ZM-2. It was 20F and gusting to 20 MPH. I lasted an hour made 4 Qs on 10, 15 and 20 and honestly enjoyed every minute of it. I usually ski out country for a couple of miles, but there was a 1/2 inch crust of ice on top of the snow from a storm Friday night. (I guess I'll have to get those new snow shoes with the little crampons built in.)

I think Jim N0UR gets the bravest ham in MN award. Judging from what I heard on the bands he stuck with it all day at 28F. Great to hear everyone and thanks for a great event. Jim w1pid@arrl.net

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Do You Yahoo!?

Great stuff seeking new owners in Yahoo! Auctions!

<http://auctions.yahoo.com>

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Date: Sun, 3 Feb 2002 11:30:20 -0500  
From: W2AGN <w2agn@pobox.com>  
To: qrp-1@lehigh.edu, fpqrp-1@mpna.com  
Subject: [118965] Rod's Right, No DE!  
Message-ID: <0202031130201A.04048@CC2289974-A>  
Content-Type: text/plain;  
    charset="iso-8859-1"  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 8bit

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If they aren't there for their own QSO party....the aliens must have gotten them!

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John L Sielke W2AGN  
w2agn@pobox.com  
<http://www.qsl.net/w2agn>  
Trustee: W3IYQ  
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Date: Sun, 3 Feb 2002 11:31:14 EST  
From: W0rw@aol.com  
To: qrp-1@lehigh.edu  
Subject: [118966] W0RW/KG5N FYBO Results  
Message-ID: <a2.20351e42.298ebfd2@aol.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="US-ASCII"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

There were thick clouds and 2 inches of snow on the ground yesterday at our FYBO site near Cripple Creek, CO.  
(Last nights temperature was -10F).  
We started off at +10F and warmed up to +47F with wind.  
Cold temperatures are not the problem, Wind is the problem.

KG5N (Nick) made 50+ contacts on 20 meters with his Homemade Sierra running 2 watts to a horizontal dipole.  
i made about 30 contacts, mostly on 10 meters with a PRC-319 military backpack radio w/5W to a vertical antenna.  
We both worked Jim N0UR out on that frozen lake...  
Site picture at <http://www.LB0.teuton.org>  
PRC-319 picture at [http://www.btinternet.com/~c\\_m\\_evans/weaponsdetail.htm](http://www.btinternet.com/~c_m_evans/weaponsdetail.htm) at the bottom of the page.  
Good job gang...See you next year.  
72 de w0rw Paul

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Date: Sun, 03 Feb 2002 13:45:02 +0000  
From: k8cz@att.net  
To: fpqrp-l@mpna.com (The Pigs!)  
Cc: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU (QRP-L), njqrp@njqrp.org (NJQRP)  
Subject: [118967] Re: [fpqrp] Truffle report, ver. 1.02 (fwd)  
Message-ID:  
<20020203134502.DERK941.mtiwmhc22.worldnet.att.net@webmail.worldnet.att.net>

The second revision ver. 1.02

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FP #41 NJQRP #338 Fists #2360

ARCI #9606 SOC #336 Norcal ARRL

Hamilton, Ohio EM79ri

Tom, K8CZ

> The 2nd Revision of Thursdays Truffle Log

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> WE9K	559	GLENN	WI	5W
> W5YR	559	GEORGE	TX	5W
> K4BYF	559	JACK	FL	5W
> N2GJ	559	GERRY	NJ	5W
> AF4PS	559	MAC	FL	3W
> K0EVZ	559	DOC	ND	3W
> K5JHP	559	BILL	TX	5W
> AE4Y	559	KENT	GA	5W
> K5NZ	579	MIKE	TX	5W
> KG4LDY	559	JIM	VA	5W
> AA50	559	VERN	LA	5W
> N9NE	559	TODD	WI	5W
> K4FB	559	PAUL	FL	5W
> W2XN	559	FRED	FL	5W
> KD5KXF	559	MIKE	TX	5W

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> Hamilton, Ohio EM79ri  
> Tom, K8CZ  
> -To unsubscribe, mail to majordomo@fpqrp.com, msg: unsubscribe fpqrp-l -

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Date: Sun, 03 Feb 2002 08:35:18 -0800  
From: Russ Carpenter <russ@natworld.com>  
To: QRP-L List <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>  
Subject: [118968] Don't Miss the SPARTAN SPRINT ON MONDAY!  
Message-ID: <B882A686.BFFE%russ@natworld.com>  
Mime-version: 1.0  
Content-type: text/plain; charset="US-ASCII"  
Content-transfer-encoding: 7bit

The February Spartan Sprint will be held on February 4, 2002 (which is our standard date--the first Monday of the month). You may operate on any one or more of five bands--80, 40, 20, 15, and 10 meters. Don't worry if your station is a bit obese. We commend the winners in two categories--points (the Tubby Division), and points per pound (the Skinny Division).

If you are a newcomer to the Sprints, take a look at the introductory material at the end of this post.

1. Start at 9:00 PM EST, 8:00 CST, 7:00 MST and 6:00 PST. Finish at 11:00 PM EST, 10:00 CST, 9:00 MST and 8:00 PST. In terms of UTC, start at 0200 and finish at 0400, Tuesday.
2. The frequencies will be 3560+- kHz, 7040 kHz+-, 14060 kHz+-, 21060 kHz+-, and 28060 kHz+-. (You may operate any number of bands--your choice.)
3. Exchange RST, SPC (state, province or country) and power output.
4. If you choose to call CQ, use the format "CQ SP," or "CQ QRP TEST."
5. You can take credit for working the same station on a second, third, or fourth band.

After the contest, we invite you to use our autolog, which is part of the ARS Sojourner. Just go to [www.natworld.com/ars](http://www.natworld.com/ars) and follow the link for "Direct access to autologs". Or you can speed things up by going directly to



the Spartan Sprint autolog page at [www.natworld.com/ars/ss\\_log.html](http://www.natworld.com/ars/ss_log.html).

"Station Weight" is defined as the combined weight of all transmitters, receivers, keys, keyers and batteries used during the Sprint. We use decimal pounds, rather than pounds and ounces. You may report your weight to the nearest 10th of a pound, or, at your option, the nearest 100th of a pound. For stations weighing less than one pound, we recommend the nearest 100th of a pound.

If you don't have access to the web, send Russ Carpenter, AA7QU, an e-mail with your total QSOs and the total weight of your station. You may also include your comments from the soapbox. Russ' email address is [russ@natworld.com](mailto:russ@natworld.com).

We publish results for each Spartan Sprint on the Thursday following the Sprint. This may be the world's quickest contest reporting! Please send us your log as soon as possible, but in no event later than Wednesday afternoon.

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The Spartan Sprint is based on a simple but stimulating concept. We are encouraging all of you to cobble together the kind of station you'd use in a portable environment--lightweight transceiver, keyer, key, and battery. Then put that turkey on the air, and participate in a two hour sprint.

All operators are invited to play, whether or not they are members of Adventure Radio Society. Even if you don't have lightweight equipment, your participation will be rewarding, both for you and the other participants. We'll report the score in two different formats--absolute scores, and points per pound of station weight. So you can get your kicks from running up a magnificent score, or achieving an remarkable ratio of points per pound.

If you're thinking about becoming a member of Adventure Radio Society, just send Richard Fisher (our membership chairman) an e-mail expressing your interest. Richard's e-mail address is [KI6SN@aol.com](mailto:KI6SN@aol.com). Membership is free, and the organization has a great group of men and women who combine their love of ham radio with their affection for the outdoors. You don't need to be a macho person; ARS welcomes people of all ages and levels of ability.

Russ Carpenter, AA7QU, Contest Manager

[russ@natworld.com](mailto:russ@natworld.com)

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Date: Sun, 3 Feb 2002 10:22:35 -0700 (MST)

From: "Karl F. Larsen" <k5di@zianet.com>  
To: <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>  
Subject: [118969] G4FON Koch learning software  
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.33.0202031017070.2595-100000@Daisy.dog>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

As some of you know I have Ray's software for download on my web page at <http://www.zianet.com/k5di/cw> and the installation was a two step process that was rather involved. While walking the dog it occurred to me it has started to rain again and that with care I could make the file easier to install.

So I did that and to my happy surprise it works. So if your having trouble getting the thing to load with the old way, try it with the new file which is now g4fon.exe.

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Yours Truly,

- Karl F. Larsen, k5di@arrl.net (505) 524-3303 -  
<http://www.zianet.com/k5di/>

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Date: Sun, 3 Feb 2002 12:17:43 -0500 (EST)  
From: Chris Cartwright <ccart@phideaux.com>  
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [118970] Re: Rod's Right, No DE!  
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.21.0202031217270.10412-100000@dns.phideaux.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

On Sun, 3 Feb 2002, W2AGN wrote:

> Figured I'd pick up a quick DE QSO for the WAS challenge

I'm about 15 miles from the mythical state of Delaware and didn't hear them either. Also didn't hear VA, OH, IL, or PA during FYBO. I usually count on the extra "close-in" mults late in the running. I heard but didn't work NJ, NY, and CT. And got a bunch of AZ, WI, NM, IA and even RI. Just when you think you have a handle on how propagation works, it throws you a curve. And with the way AB7TT can affect the weather, and NA5N can will the ionosphere, I'd be scared if both of them were in the same room at the same time :) FYBO was a blast, see you all next year, hopefully from DE, if I can find it.

-- Chris Cartwright, Unix Administrator | ccart@phideaux.com --  
-- N3XRV ARRL-VE Norcal Zombie #163 | Oxford, PA 19363 FM29as --  
-- MDmW #5 NJ-QRP #105 QRP-L #655 NORCAL #1891 FISTS #5028 QRP-ARCI #9271 --

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Date: Sun, 3 Feb 2002 12:24:23 -0500  
From: "N8IE" <n8ie@woh.rr.com>  
To: <fpqrp-1@mpna.com>, <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>, "W2AGN" <w2agn@pobox.com>  
Subject: [118971] RE: [fpqrp] Rod's Right, No DE!  
Message-ID: <MMEDLKDLONJOAIGICDJAEHCHAA.n8ie@woh.rr.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain;  
charset="iso-8859-1"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

I found the elusive DE last night, that and a WY one too. :-)

The DE QSOP was yesterday and I only heard 1 so I guess that's all they have  
is 1 guy in the whole state. Man he could sell Q's for \$\$\$ :-D

72, oo  
Dan, N8IE  
FPQRP #-6, FISTS #4985  
QRP-1 #1404, ARCI #11003

-----Original Message-----

From: owner-fpqrp-1@mpna.com [mailto:owner-fpqrp-1@mpna.com] On Behalf Of  
W2AGN  
Sent: Sunday, February 03, 2002 11:30 AM  
To: qrp-1@lehigh.edu; fpqrp-1@mpna.com  
Subject: [fpqrp] Rod's Right, No DE!

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John L Sielke W2AGN  
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Trustee: W3IYQ

-To unsubscribe, mail to [majordomo@fpqrp.com](mailto:majordomo@fpqrp.com), msg: unsubscribe fpqrp-l -

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Date: Sun, 3 Feb 2002 10:28:55 -0700 (MST)  
From: "Karl F. Larsen" <[k5di@zianet.com](mailto:k5di@zianet.com)>  
To: <[qrp-l@lehigh.edu](mailto:qrp-l@lehigh.edu)>  
Subject: [118972] Learning code again  
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.33.0202031022420.2595-1000000@Daisy.dog>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

I'm up to 35 characters again at 15 wpm on the g4fon software and now at close to 90% correct. This is a major personal break through because I have for 50 years been slowed down by / and ? and , but not . which for some reason I learned years ago.

Numbers were always a special case. I counted dits and if there were 5 it was a number. Now I'm learning them as individual sounds, no counting or other crud. Numbers are no longer a special case.

When I get all this learning done it will be a lot easier to copy code.

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Yours Truly,

- Karl F. Larsen, [k5di@arrl.net](mailto:k5di@arrl.net) (505) 524-3303 -  
<http://www.zianet.com/k5di/>

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Date: Sun, 3 Feb 2002 12:29:13 -0500  
From: "Brian B. Riley \ (N1BQ\)" <[n1bq\\_list@wulfdon.org](mailto:n1bq_list@wulfdon.org)>  
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <[qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU](mailto:qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU)>  
Subject: [118973] NVQS FYBO 2002 Results

Message-ID: <NLECJEINFMOPPBOKKBNEIEDKCNA.n1bq\_list@wulfden.org>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain;  
charset="iso-8859-1"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Northern Vermont QRP Society operated FYB0 from in the yard at N1BQ's QTH. The temperature ranged from +5F to about +24F in the bright sun (about 18F actual) back down to about +5F at shutdown (2100 EST).

We operated single rig multi-op switching between a pair of K-1s on 40-20-15, and a Ten-Tec on 10. We ran dipoles set up on fiberglass poles jammed into the snowbanks, on all bands. Our 40 meter dipole tuning up 1-1 on both 40 and 15 with the K-1 ATUs. We ran from gelcells charged by a 60 watt solar panel.

Operators were Bob (WE1U), Fran (KM1Z), Brian (N1BQ), John (VE2EQL), Eric (N1SRC), and Sara (W1SLR), also present in body or spirit were Kristen (AA1SK), who wasn't feeling well but made a pot of killer chili, Ralph (KD1R), and Suzanne, John's wife, plus an interested about-to-be ham and his father.

We had 87 contacts, with 32 SPCs, and took multipliers for Field operation (x4), Alternative Power (x2), and well under 20F temperature (x6) for a total of 133,632. (last year we were 133,056 with same mulsts and 84Qs and 33 SPCs)

On the culinary front, we started the morning with fresh bagels from Burlington Bagel Bakery compliments of Fran, and fresh croissants from Montreal from John. Lunch was baked baby back ribs marinated in Bob's special sauce for the last two days, dinner was a fabulous beef stew and some fresh Montreal French bread from Suzanne and John. Kristen's killer chili was an all day affair (literally and figuratively!). Sara added fresh baked chocolate chip cookies ... we may have been colder than heck out there operating but there was always something to look forward to! No burning kids and pets on the grille!

cheers .... 73 de brian, n1bq

p.s. look for pix on our website at <<http://www.wulfden.org/NVQS/>> Sunday night or so.

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Time Call RST State Name Power Temp Band  
1513 AA1CA 559 NH Tom 3W 60F 40m  
1525 WA8VEB 599 MI Ken 5W 60F 40m  
1528 N8KV 599 MI Roger 5W 20F 40m

1536 K1CL 599 MA Chuck 5W 6F 40m  
1538 K1MZM 599 VT Alan 4W 10F 40m  
1552 N9NE 559 WI Todd 5W 21F 15m  
1630 WQ0RP 559 MN Dick 5W 50F 20m  
1635 WB8ICN 599 MI Mike 5W 25F 20m  
1637 W8PIG 599 IN Brian 5W 27F 20m  
1640 K4FB 539 FL Fred 5W 79F 20m  
1642 KB1CKS 579 MI Bill 5W 38F 20m  
1644 N3AD 599 PA Carter 5W 38F 20m  
1650 N5FD 599 AZ Paul 5W 87F 10m  
1657 W2AGN 559 NJ John 5W 37F 20m  
1658 K0ZK 599 ME Arn 5W 64F 20m  
1701 AA1CA 559 NH Tom 5W 60F 20m  
1708 WA3FIL 599 PA Doug 2W 70F 20m  
1710 W9CSL 579 IN Terry 5W 31F 20m  
1712 W9FNB 559 IN Gary 1W 35F 20m  
1716 KC3MX 579 MD Harry 5W 75F 20m  
1718 AJ4AY 559 AL Jay 5W 53F 20m  
1741 NK9G 559 WI Rick 5W 70F 15m  
1758 WQ0RP 559 MN Mert 5W 50F 15m  
1800 K4MF 559 FL Gary 5W 75F 15m  
1804 K9IUA 559 IA Kevin 5W 70F 15m  
1806 WD7Y 559 NV Ed 5W 19F 15m  
1827 KB0PCI 569 MN Wayne 4W 68F 15m  
1833 N7MFB 459 WA Bill 5W 70F 15m  
1851 W3EX 359 PA Dan 5W 42F 15m  
1859 K8KFJ 599 WV Gary 5W 70F 15m  
1906 W4BQP 599 NC Jim 5W 72F 15m  
1915 W9FFU 449 WI Glenn 5W 39F 15m  
1932 N8KV 599 MI Roger 5W 27F 15m  
1935 WA4EIT 599 NC Randy 5W 56F 15m  
1957 K8UO 599 MI Arpad 5W 30F 10m  
2010 K9OZ 579 IL Bruce 5W 70F 20m  
2012 N3XRV 559 PA Chris 5W 39F 20m  
2016 VA6RF 559 AB Carl 5W 70F 20m  
2017 K9CV 559 MI Walt 5W 72F 20m  
2018 VE3FAO 559 ON Frank 5W 72F 20m  
2021 KD1JV 559 NH Steve 5W 57F 20m  
2025 K9IUA 559 IA Kevin 5W 70F 20m  
2030 NOTK 579 CO Dan 5W 61F 20m  
2035 K4JSI 559 MD Cal 5W 66F 20m  
2052 K2SB 459 NJ Steve 5W 57F 20m  
2102 N0UR 559 MN Jim 5W 82F 20m  
2110 N9NE 569 WI Todd 5W 28F 20m  
2115 K4MF 559 FL Gary 5W 68F 20m  
2120 N7VE 339 AZ Dan 2W 60F 20m  
2125 AA5B 579 NM Doc 5W 27F 20m  
2130 KW4JS 559 TN John 5W 52F 20m

2132 AB8DF 559 MN Ed 1W 58F 20m  
 2136 KD5JWC 559 TX Dave 5W 50F 20m  
 2138 N8WE 559 OH Glenn 2W 40F 20m  
 2141 N0BN 559 CO Dan 1W 60F 20m  
 2144 K7TY 559 ID Randy 900mW 37F 20m  
 2146 AA7EQ 559 AZ Bob 5W 70F 20m  
 2147 N0QT 559 NM Alan 4W 60F 20m  
 2149 WE9K 559 WI Glenn 5W 62F 20m  
 2219 K0ZK 599 ME Arn 5W 64F 40m  
 2232 K0BFT 459 MN Jim 3W 30F 20m  
 2239 N0TU 559 CO Steve 750mW 25F 20m  
 2241 KF4PP 559 GA Chuck 2W 51F 20m  
 2244 W3EAX 559 MD Jon 5W 69F 20m  
 2244 W4BQP 599 NC Jim 5W 72F 20m  
 2249 KA9IKK 559 TX Bill 2W 55F 20m  
 2251 K5RAC 559 TX Dave 5W 44F 20m  
 2255 NK6A 559 CA Don 5W 67F 20m  
 2329 KF3CV 579 PA Steve 5W 40F 20m  
 2331 WD7Z 559 NM Dave 5W 37F 20m  
 2333 K7RE 559 AZ Brian 5W 70F 20m  
 0025 KE4JZO 559 NC Steve 5W 55F 20m  
 0031 KA0VZZ 559 MO Loretta 5W 55F 20m  
 0052 KI8IT 559 AZ Greg 4W 62F 20m  
 0055 KX0R 579 CO George 4W 68F 20m  
 0057 W6LFB 579 TX Jim 2W 47F 20m  
 0059 K5LH 579 TX Chris 900mW 72F 20m  
 0101 AC7GM 559 MT Jerry 5W 60F 20m  
 0105 AC7MA 559 WA Rich 2W 63F 20m  
 0111 W90PW 579 MN Pat 5W 25F 20m  
 0114 KI9II 559 CO Ron 900mW 35F 20m  
 0115 N9RY 559 IL Ron 4W 62F 20m  
 0117 WB7AEI 349 WA Phil 5W 64F 20m  
 0147 N3XRV 559 PA Chris 900mW 82F 40m  
 0149 W3KC 579 MD Chris 5W 35F 40m  
 0153 K0FRP 579 CO Al 5W 72F 40m  
 0159 KC8NY 599 OH Rob 5W 35F 40m

Contacts	SPCs	Field	AltEng	Temp	Total
87	32	4	2	6	133,632

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 Date: 3 Feb 2002 12:33:12 EST  
 From: Michael Goins <mgoins@usa.net>

To: qrp-1@lehigh.edu  
Subject: [118974] small transmitting loops  
Message-ID: <20020203173312.1080.qmail@uadvig009.cms.usa.net>  
Mime-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=US-ASCII  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: quoted-printable

Anyone using a small transmitting loop? =

I'm looking for references, experience, s contact with anyone using such a=  
n  
antenna, etc. - now stuck in an apartment and need to have a look at thes=  
e  
antennas as a possibilty (not even trees nearby). =

Contact me off list, please. =

mike  
wb5yjx  
1 watt all the time

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Get free e-mail and a permanent address at <http://www.amexmail.com/?A=3D1=>

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Date: Sun, 3 Feb 2002 12:42:31 -0500  
From: "John J. McDonough" <wb8rcr@arrl.net>  
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>  
Subject: [118975] Re: Rod's Right, No DE!  
Message-ID: <003001c1acda\$2927b280\$010044c0@chartermi.net>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain;  
                charset="iso-8859-1"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

I was sure there were a "lot" of DE Q's back in the log, so I went wading through, and guess what - only one. And that one was with the 2N2/40. Given that I probably have 50 times as many Q's on the K1 as on the 2N, that's pretty significant. Apparently Delaware is in some other dimension where that Elecraft mojo doesn't work.

So I guess if you want to get DE, you need to dust off the ol' 2N.



72/73 de WB8RCR      <http://www.qsl.net/wb8rcr>  
didileydadidah      QRP-L #1446 Code Warriors #35

----- Original Message -----

From: "W2AGN" <w2agn@pobox.com>  
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>  
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>        John L Sielke    W2AGN  
>        w2agn@pobox.com  
>        <http://www.qsl.net/w2agn>  
>        Trustee: W3IYQ

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Date: Sun, 3 Feb 2002 18:22:34 +0100  
From: "Juanjo Pastor" <ec5aca@wanadoo.es>  
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [118976] RE: ARRL pdf files  
Message-ID: <010701c1acda\$7617be00\$f833243e@fer>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain;  
              charset="iso-8859-1"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 8bit

Hello again,

I want to thank everybody for the great response, hope we will

solve my problem soon. Thanks again.

73, 72 de Juanjo, EA5CHQ-EC5ACA. EA-QRP #104, G-QRP #9742,  
QRP-L #1662.

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Date: Sun, 03 Feb 2002 12:52:34 -0500  
From: Donn Kuse <casey.jay@gte.net>  
To: elecrafft@mailman.qth.net,  
Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [118977] MFJ 1622 Apartment Antenna  
Message-ID: <3C5D78E1.1541414E@gte.net>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Hi all,  
Has anyone tried the MFJ 1622 apartment antenna? It looks similar to  
the MP-1. Any comments on it?  
Tnx,  
72/73 Donn, WB4ZWT  
66 and still learning

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Date: Sun, 3 Feb 2002 12:55:58 EST  
From: WE7X@aol.com  
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu  
Subject: [118978] Delaware? Try 6M  
Message-ID: <6e.1732bb1e.298ed3ae@aol.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="US-ASCII"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Delaware went into my log several years ago, from way out here in Washington

(the state) but I had to do it via 6M. It was with 10 watts SSB, so I guess it qualifies as QRP. :>)

Rod WE7X

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Date: Sun, 03 Feb 2002 19:11:32 +0100  
From: "Ingo, DK3RED" <dk3red@t-online.de>  
To: QRP-L <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>, Elecraft <elecraft@mailman.qth.net>  
Subject: [118979] Re: MFJ 1622 Apartment Antenna  
Message-ID: <3C5D7D54.55528B05@t-online.de>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Hello Don,

> Has anyone tried the MFJ 1622 apartment antenna? It looks similar to  
> the MP-1. Any comments on it?

Not each antenna with a coil and a radiator is immediately a MP-1 ! Yes, the 1622 is cheaper than the MP-1. But if the 1622 were better than the MP1 were better, then Superantennas could sell no more original antennas.

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72/73 de Ingo, DK3RED     Don't forget: the fun is the power!  
    dk3red@t-online.de     <http://www.qsl.net/dk3red>  
    DL-QRP-AG #824        <http://www.dl-qrp-ag.de>

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Date: Sun, 03 Feb 2002 19:16:48 +0100  
From: "Ingo, DK3RED" <dk3red@t-online.de>  
To: Elecraft <elecraft@mailman.qth.net>, QRP-L <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>  
Subject: [118980] Re: MFJ 1622 Apartment Antenna  
Message-ID: <3C5D7E90.8938AEFF@t-online.de>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

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DL-QRP-AG #824 <http://www.dl-qrp-ag.de>

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Date: Sun, 3 Feb 2002 11:26:48 -0700  
From: "Rod N0RC" <rod@n0rc.com>  
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [118981] Re: Rod's Right, No DE!  
Message-ID: <005701c1ace0\$5883f7e0\$6401a8c0@greyrock>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain;  
charset="Windows-1252"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

At last! John's, and other reports strengthen my "No DE" theory.

Here is my be guess: It is a conspiracy between, NASA, Enron, UFOs. Those of you who think you've been to DE were beamed by UFOs to a NASA simulator. The simulator is powered by energy from Enron. I can almost prove it, just having a little problem with the beaming technology. I'll get it worked out when a new batch of 602s arrive. ;-)

TIC

OQRPP: Got another MS30 on the air this weekend: Still work to be done, but it's operable. Pic's at:  
<http://www.radioactivehams.com/~n0rc/ms30/ms30.html>

73, Rod N0RC  
Fort Collins, CO

----- Original Text -----

Subject: Rod's Right, No DE!  
From: W2AGN (w2agn@pobox.com)  
Date: Sun Feb 03 2002 - 11:30:20 EST

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> I'm right next door...I've even been there, I thought. (There was a sign

> saying "Welcome to Delaware."

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> Figured I'd pick up a quick DE QSO for the WAS challenge this weekend's DE  
> QSO party. HA! Looked over 40M, up around 7050 where they say the "activity"  
> should be...nothing! Tried 20M...nope. I even listened for DE in between  
> FYBO QSOs yesterday!  
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> If they aren't there for their own QSO party....the aliens must have gotten  
> them!  
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73, Rod N0RC  
Ft Collins, CO

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Date: Sun, 3 Feb 2002 11:41:14 -0700  
From: "Rod N0RC" <rod@n0rc.com>  
To: <KC7MAW@aol.com>,  
"Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [118982] Re: Rod's Right, No DE!  
Message-ID: <008b01c1ace2\$5c5930e0\$6401a8c0@greyrock>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain;  
charset="iso-8859-1"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Mike, et.al.,  
----- Original Message -----  
From: <KC7MAW@aol.com>  
To: <rod@n0rc.com>; <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>  
Sent: Sunday, February 03, 2002 11:35 AM  
Subject: Re: Rod's Right, No DE!

> I heard one DE Op this yesterday. NY3C (Gene). He started on 10 meters in the  
> morning 28.497, then moved to 20m ( around 14. 24?), then moved for a  
> DXpedition up to 14.282 where he sat for several hours. He had a pile up all  
> day on all freqs he worked and always gave preference to QRP/Mobile

guys. I  
> didn't hear many of them trying though. I followed him all over  
the bands  
> until FINALLY I got him at 14.282.  
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Isn't that in the SSB portion of the band? Not sure I don't do SSB.  
"Real" radio guys do CW, with keys made from old beer cans. Heck even  
if I wanted to do SSB, I'm not sure I could find the microphone that  
came with my rig! :-)

73, Rod N0RC  
Ft Collins, CO

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Date: Sun, 3 Feb 2002 11:52:38 -0700  
From: "Rod N0RC" <rod@n0rc.com>  
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>,  
"cq-c-1" <CQCLIST@yahoogroups.com>,  
Subject: [118983] Fantastic Price alert  
Message-ID: <000501c1ace3\$f3b65110\$6401a8c0@greyrock>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain;  
charset="iso-8859-1"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

SRI NOT QRP but this is too good not to share.

Yaesu/Vertex VX150's 2m HT, \$125 at [gigapart.com](http://gigapart.com).

If you are looking for \_GOOD\_ 2m HT, this is the one you want.

VX-150 spec: <http://www.yaesu.com/amateur/vx150.html>

VX-150 reviews: <http://www.eham.net/reviews/detail/1324> (4.9/5.0!)

[gigaparts: http://www.gigaparts.com/radioindex.php](http://www.gigaparts.com/radioindex.php) sale good 'till  
3/31

73, Rod N0RC  
Ft Collins, CO

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Date: Sun, 3 Feb 2002 14:09:22 EST  
From: IamSF5@aol.com  
To: qrp-L@lehigh.edu  
Subject: [118984] Grid dip meter.....bugs /maybe tube????  
Message-ID: <55.21fa7c8a.298ee4e2@aol.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="US-ASCII"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Hi Gang.  
I picked up an older Lafayette Grid dip Meter MOD TE-18.  
It does now work right.  
When I place the coil against the trap of a known frequency I do hear a carrier in the RX but as soon as I move off the trap I lose the meter dip. I should be able to pull away 2-3 inches.  
The other bug is the sensitivity control.  
If I turn that just a fraction of an inch the needle will peg to the right. Looking at the paper work I see that there is not much to it and think the 6AF4A tube may be weak.  
Any one have any tips or suggestions or maybe a tube they want to sell?  
Bob  
WA2HOQrp <tm>

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Date: Sun, 3 Feb 2002 14:15:10 -0500  
From: W2AGN <w2agn@pobox.com>  
To: "Rod N0RC" <rod@n0rc.com>,  
"Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [118985] Re: Rod's Right, No DE!  
Message-ID: <0202031415101F.04048@CC2289974-A>  
Content-Type: text/plain;  
charset="iso-8859-1"  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 8bit

On Sunday 03 February 2002 13:41, Rod N0RC wrote:

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> if I wanted to do SSB, I'm not sure I could find the microphone that  
> cam with my rig! :-)  
>  
> 73, Rod N0RC  
> Ft Collins, CO

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Yep, my problem, too. Everybody says, "work 'em on SSB!" Bah Humbug!

You know Bruce catches hell for everything else. It seems to me he used to be W6TOY/3. I bet HE is the guy who stole Delaware!

'Fess up!

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John L Sielke W2AGN  
w2agn@pobox.com  
<http://www.qsl.net/w2agn>  
Trustee: W3IYQ  
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Date: Sun, 03 Feb 2002 19:29:32 +0000  
From: Larry Cahoon <lejek@erols.com>  
To: w2agn@pobox.com,  
"Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>  
Subject: [118986] Re: Rod's Right, No DE!  
Message-ID: <5.1.0.14.0.20020203192655.00b8c010@pop.erols.com>  
Mime-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"; format=flowed

No they are all talking to themselves. I've tuned the band and found not a one in the contest. But then low an behold I hear a lander calling. No he must be from that big state of PA. Another three lander answers. So I stay and read the mail. Guess what - it's two guys from DE talking to each other. And they talked and talked and talked.....Oh, it was 40 meter CW.

73 de Larry.....WD3P in MD  
<http://www.qsl.net/wd3p/>

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> John L Sielke W2AGN  
> w2agn@pobox.com  
> http://www.qsl.net/w2agn  
> Trustee: W3IYQ

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Date: Sun, 3 Feb 2002 14:57:04 -0500 (EST)  
From: Chris Cartwright <ccart@phideaux.com>  
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [118987] FYBO de N3XRV - long  
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.21.0202031357130.10412-100000@dns.phideaux.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

Had a blast as usual! Started the day at 5:30, got the chickens fed, and headed to the woods behind my house. I live on a small farmette so everyday can be field day :) Setup a ladder fed, tangled, twisted, sad looking loop in the trees. Dragged out the table, HW-9, battery, etc, etc. I was all ready to go at about 8:30, so back into the house for more coffee. Coffee would be my excuse to spent 10 minutes every so often in the house watching my fingers thaw. Don't know how you New England guys even had the brass to go out there in the single digits! I worked 40/20/15/10 and ended up with 67 Q's and 27 SPC's and almost all the mulsts.

By 11am I was getting reports of drift and chirp, sure enough, the first gel cell had succumbed to the 33 deg temp. I had setup behind a small stand of pine trees to use as a windbreak, the wind found out which side I was on, and changed direction. The other major miscalcualtion was that these same trees kept all traces of sunlight off of me (not part of the plan). So I tuffed it out for 6 hours, before even my reltively balmy 35 got to be too cold. What to do? I dragged the kerosene from the poultry barn into the woods and fired it up as a QRO hand warmer. Now I was warm (started sending 65F) but the second battery was icing up. Until now I was using 7aH cells and now had to go to the 17aH "big" battery.

Did ya ever do something that you knew wasn't a good idea, but you did it anyway? I decide to take exrta clip leads with me, but instead of putting them in my pocket, I attached them to the big gel cell, to save time <ahem>. (can anyone already see where this is going?) Halfway into the woods I empirically proved the maximum instantaneous current capacity of 22 gauge wire. Tearing smoking, melting clip leads from the top of the battery I was holding did warm me up a bit. Near as I can tell the warmth was from

the internal friction caused by a 160 bpm pulse rate, yowza! Kids, don't try this at home.

The last hour and half the temps got below 30, so in order to take advantage of a x5 (the first time of more than x4 in six years) I shut down the heater and started send 28. Funny, but it doesn't seem near as cold when you're running stations, as when it's just a long string of unanswered CQ's. When it was all over, I was shivering enough that I just grabbed the logs and headed for the house. Went out for the rest of my toys this morning, and the RX side of the radio was still going strong!

Highlights: working someone more QRPp than me (W3VGV @ 125mw)  
getting a hold of Doc K0EVZ for my only ND  
having KB1FUS hear my CQ from RI

Lowlights: Not even hearing any "locals" in DE,VA,PA,NY,WV  
having to wimp out and get the heater  
hearing 50F from the WQ0RP guys  
the aforementioned clip lead experiment

Overall a great time. Ended up at 144,000+ single op, many thanks to all who heard my chirpy 900mW. 72

-- Chris Cartwright, Unix Administrator | ccart@phideaux.com --  
-- N3XRV ARRL-VE Norcal Zombie #163 | Oxford, PA 19363 FM29as --  
-- MDmW #5 NJ-QRP #105 QRP-L #655 NORCAL #1891 FISTS #5028 QRP-ARCI #9271 --

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Date: Sun, 03 Feb 2002 10:20:20 -0500  
From: Michael Bower <bowerm@ix.netcom.com>  
To: qrp-l <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>  
Subject: [118988] Tin Alert  
Message-ID: <3C5D5534.27964AD5@ix.netcom.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

A new (new to me) tin has been spotted.

Hersheys has come out with four tins, one for each of their main chocolate brands - Special Dark, Mr. Goodbar, Krackel and Milk Chocolate. They appear to be the size of Altoids tins. (Hmm. Maybe they ARE Altoids tins but they escaped the Altoids factory and now travelling "in cognito"?) The tins are painted to sort of look like the mini bars you can get in a bag. Each tin holds 5-6 mini-bars.

I was hoping the "wrapper" part of the look-a-like was paper and would come off the tin but it is painted on.

I picked up mine in the local Bed-Bath-and-Beyond but I have to assume they will be elsewhere.

Michael N4NMR

I guess the phrase "Ham Radio - How Sweet it is" would be appropriate. Ok, Ok, I'll go back under my rock.

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73 de N4NMR

Michael Bower

Ashburn, VA (near Washington, D.C.)

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Date: Sun, 3 Feb 2002 15:14:14 -0500  
From: "DIANNE M WISE" <roy537@prodigy.net>  
To: <mgoins@usa.net>,  
"Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [118989] Re: small transmitting loops  
Message-ID: <000001c1acef\$7146a160\$1797ff3f@rcrosier>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain;  
charset="iso-8859-1"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

reply from: Roy, KE0UQ

I lived in an apartment for most of 2001 which had a balcony which was about 19 feet long and 12 feet tall. I ran a wire loop across the top, down both sides and across the bottom by pushing it into the cracks between the floor boards. With a tuner I could use my '817 on most bands from 40 meters to 147MHz. The antenna was never discovered by management. I was able to almost daily check into the county hunters net with five watts and that loop. It saved my sanity at that time because my XYL (KB0DUK) died in 2000 and I lost all my antennas by moving into the apartment. As directional as the antenna was, I was able to have some radio therapy! If I did it again I would add some coils in the loop, such as the antenna shorteners sold by some suppliers.

----- Original Message -----

From: "Michael Goins" <mgoins@usa.net>  
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>  
Sent: Sunday, February 03, 2002 12:33 PM  
Subject: small transmitting loops

> Anyone using a small transmitting loop?  
>  
> I'm looking for references, experience, contact with anyone using such an  
> antenna, etc. - now stuck in an apartment and need to have a look at these  
> antennas as a possibility (not even trees nearby).  
>  
> Contact me off list, please.  
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> mike  
> wb5yjx  
> 1 watt all the time  
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> -----  
> Get free e-mail and a permanent address at <http://www.amexmail.com/?A=1>

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Date: Sun, 3 Feb 2002 15:23:23 -0500 (EST)  
From: baltimoremd@baltimoremd.com  
To: "Karl F. Larsen" <k5di@zianet.com>  
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [118990] Re: G4FON Koch learning software  
Message-ID: <20020203152151.Q90885-100000@unix1.vhost.min.net>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

On Sun, 3 Feb 2002, Karl F. Larsen wrote:

> So I did that and to my happy surprise it works. So if your having  
> trouble getting the thing to load with the old way, try it with the new  
> file which is now g4fon.exe.

Most likely it would have saved a LOT of people a LOT of wasted time if  
you had simply setup a link to the software on Ray's site.

Thom

baltimoremd@baltimoremd.com  
<http://www.baltimoremd.com/>  
<http://www.baltimorehon.com/>  
<http://www.zerobeat.net>

Thom LaCosta K3HRN Webmaster  
Baltimore's Home Page  
Home of the Baltimore Lexicon  
Home of The QRP Web Ring

and Drake Mail List Pages

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Date: Sun, 3 Feb 2002 16:05:06 -0500  
From: kb1dxc <kb1dxc@discovernet.net>  
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU  
Subject: [118991] Re: Tin Alert  
Message-ID: <a05100302b88355e67f26@[216.221.137.152]>  
Mime-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii" ; format="flowed"

Michael N4NMR,

I do not consider learning about tins exactly like an altoid tin an alert. Now, if you find a tin that will nicely accommodate one of the Small Wonders kits, that would be a real Tin Alert.

Mike,  
KB1DXC

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>Michael Bower  
>Ashburn, VA (near Washington, D.C.)

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Date: Sun, 3 Feb 2002 16:08:11 -0500  
From: "Dave Richards" <wr3i@earthlink.net>  
To: <kb1dxc@discovernet.net>,  
"Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [118992] Re: Tin Alert  
Message-ID: <000c01c1acf6\$e2ff50c0\$ab16fea9@sony>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain;  
charset="iso-8859-1"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

How Big (small) must that tin be and what is a small wonder?  
Dave  
W1QB

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Date: Sun, 3 Feb 2002 16:18:29 -0500  
From: kb1dxc <kb1dxc@discovernet.net>  
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU  
Subject: [118993] Re: Tin Alert  
Message-ID: <a05100303b8835809000b@[216.221.137.152]>  
Mime-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii" ; format="flowed"

Dave,

The boards for the Small Wonders are 2.8 inch by 4 inch. They are great little QRP rigs. The Elmer 101 class is using these rigs for the lesson plan. I have already built 2 of the 20 meter version(SW20+) and one of the DSW30 (I don't think these are available any longer) and I find them to be really good radios. They will output about 2.5 watts with 12 volts and around 3 watts if you hook them up to 13.8 volts. The receivers are also quite good. The only thing that some folks don't like is the small tuning range of about 40 k, but I got around that by using an old air variable for C7. You can check out the web site at:

<http://www.smallwonderlabs.com/>

Mike,  
KB1DXC

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>Dave  
>W1QOB

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Date: Sun, 3 Feb 2002 17:00:47 -0500  
From: "George Osier" <gosier@twcnny.rr.com>  
To: <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>  
Subject: [118994] 9J2B0 AND V31JP ...NEW MW COUNTRIES !!  
Message-ID: <002701c1acfe\$3f5fd400\$0e714342@twcnny.rr.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain;  
                charset="iso-8859-1"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Hello All

2 new ones during the FOC contest !!!!

9J2B0, 10 METERS , 700 MW , #114  
V31JP , 10 METERS , 700 MW , #115

73S

George , N2JNZ / QRPp

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Date: Sun, 3 Feb 2002 17:01:51 EST  
From: Jfelts202@aol.com  
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu  
Subject: [118995] What Vertical?  
Message-ID: <129.be3f162.298f0d4f@aol.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="US-ASCII"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

I'm exploring the idea of putting up a vertical. I'm wondering what vertical is the most popular, and does the best job. I'm intereseted in 20m thru 6 or something like that. Would prefer no radials. What I'd like to do is mount the base even with my roof, which would put it about 12 ft above ground. So the question is what vertical are you using and how does it work?

Jerry - NR5A

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Date: Sun, 3 Feb 2002 17:02:55 -0500  
From: "carl seyersdahl" <carlseye@tampabay.rr.com>  
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [118996] ticks  
Message-ID: <01a501c1acfe\$8a786060\$2e211c18@tampabay.rr.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain;  
          charset="iso-8859-1"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Does anyone know what happened to Embedded Research?? I can't find their webpage and e-mail to their last known address has failed. I want to get some info on their "tick" keyers!! thanks..  
carl / kz5ca

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Date: Sun, 3 Feb 2002 17:13:58 EST  
From: N2PTW@cs.com  
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu  
Subject: [118997] QSL cards from SK ...OT?  
Message-ID: <12e.bddaa59.298f1026@cs.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="US-ASCII"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

QRPers;

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72 Les K4NK

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Date: Sun, 3 Feb 2002 15:25:19 -0700  
From: "Rod N0RC" <rod@n0rc.com>  
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>  
Cc: <carlseye@tampabay.rr.com>



Subject: [118998] Re: ticks  
Message-ID: <000301c1ad01\$aa6060a0\$6401a8c0@greyrock>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain;  
        charset="Windows-1252"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit  
  
Try: <http://www.embres.com>

73, Rod N0RC  
Ft Collins, CO

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Date: Sun, 3 Feb 2002 16:30:01 -0600  
From: "Jim N0UR" <n0ur@mediaone.net>  
To: "QRP-L" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>, "MNQRP" <mnqrp-l@mailman.qth.net>  
Subject: [118999] FYBO-N0UR  
Message-ID: <001501c1ad02\$51ccca40\$19542942@mn.mediaone.net>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain;  
        charset="iso-8859-1"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Well the ice did hold, and I was able to put up my mast by myself. I stuck it out for the whole 12 hours, but being a tall guy stuffed in the back of my van was painful. My only heat source was a large candle to warm my fingers and burn all the hair off my knuckles. The worst part was nowhere to go to the bathroom, FYBO should stand for Fill Your Bladder-Ouch! I won't go into details, but glad I brought a empty coffee can.

Except for the pack of crazed snowmobiles circling me, and the moans and cracking sounds of the ice all went well. Bands sounded good, all my equipment worked and I didn't need any toilet paper. Rig was a K2 to a plain ol CF Zepp and a tuner. I used QRPDUPE by Brian K7RE which worked great.

Thanks to all that I was able to work.

Jim N0UR

Here is a link to a photo of my site  
<http://mnpwh01.mw.mediaone.net/n0ur/>

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Date: Sun, 3 Feb 2002 17:42:52 -0500  
From: W2AGN <w2agn@pobox.com>  
To: N2PTW@cs.com,  
    "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [119000] Re: QSL cards from SK ...OT?  
Message-ID: <02020317425207.05780@CC2289974-A>  
Content-Type: text/plain;  
    charset="iso-8859-1"  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 8bit

On Sunday 03 February 2002 17:13, N2PTW@cs.com wrote:

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> dumpster. The ARRL or QCWA dosen't want them ..Any suggestions.  
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> 72 Les K4NK

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It may sound like a joke, but it's not. I bet you could sell them on eBay!

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John L Sielke W2AGN  
w2agn@pobox.com  
<http://www.qsl.net/w2agn>  
Trustee: W3IYQ  
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Date: Sun, 3 Feb 2002 22:48:27 -0000  
From: "Tony Fishpool" <tony@g4wif.fsnet.co.uk>  
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>  
Subject: [119001] Re: QSL cards from SK ...OT?  
Message-ID: <003c01c1ad04\$edf33ce0\$e01686d9@duon>  
MIME-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: text/plain;  
charset="iso-8859-1"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Les, why not try putting them on Ebay and pass the money onto the chap's widow? However much you get they will have gone to someone who wants them and you won't have the pain of dumping them.

72/3  
Tony - G4WIF

----- Original Message -----  
From: <N2PTW@cs.com>

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>  
> 72 Les K4NK

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Date: Sun, 03 Feb 2002 14:49:31 -0800  
From: Michael Fletcher <k17ixi@attbi.com>  
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>  
Subject: [119002] Re: Tin Alert  
Message-ID: <B882FE7B.14835%k17ixi@attbi.com>  
Mime-version: 1.0  
Content-type: text/plain; charset="US-ASCII"  
Content-transfer-encoding: 7bit

Speak for yourself!

I have a variety of projects in Altoid tins and Winchell sampler tins. I'm always looking for a different version or size. I just wish I'd brought home of the unique tins I saw in Turkey.

72,  
Mike K17IXI/7

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Date: Sun, 3 Feb 2002 16:54:44 -0600  
From: Nick Kennedy <nkennedy@tcainternet.com>

To: "'N2PTW@cs.com'" <N2PTW@cs.com>,  
Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [119003] RE: QSL cards from SK ...OT?  
Message-ID: <01C1ACD3.7BAE9340.nkennedy@tcainternet.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

That's a tough one alright. I bet some of the still living hams with 50+ year old QSLs in that collection would enjoy getting their own QSL back. But how could you make that happen? About impossible.

Did the SK belong to a club, especially a local (say, statewide) DX club? (I know for example, that Arkansas has a pretty active DX association.) If so, maybe some of the more interesting stuff could be displayed at a meeting as a memorial. People might be encouraged to take any of the interesting stuff with them. Then, even if the things were discarded after that, it wouldn't be "without ceremony." There would be one last chance for his fellow hams to view some of the artifacts of a long ham career.

72--Nick, WA5BDU

-----Original Message-----

From: N2PTW@cs.com [SMTP:N2PTW@cs.com]  
Sent: Sunday, February 03, 2002 4:14 PM  
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion  
Subject: QSL cards from SK ...OT?

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72 Les K4NK

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Date: Sun, 3 Feb 2002 15:55:28 -0700 (MST)  
From: "Paul Harden, NA5N" <na5n@rt66.com>  
To: qrp-canada@neale.gpfn.sk.ca, qrp-1@lehigh.edu

Subject: [119004] FYBO de NA5N  
Message-ID: <Pine.SUN.4.10.10202031517570.19160-1000000@shell.rt66.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

Gang,

TV WX forecast said Socorro's hi would be 48-50. First lesson learned: those TV weather guys must be part of some whacko conspiracy group or something. 42 was the highest I saw. I hovered around 41 to 36 most all day.

I setup north of Socorro by I-25, behind the Lemitar Truck Stop, on the slope to the mountain. They've recently leveled some ground to make an RV park, so had several acres to myself in the middle of nowhere, yet a 2 block walk down to the Truck Stop for HOT coffee. The first few QSO's were at 29F, and after 20 minutes, I was already frozen. So took a break, ran into town and got some things done. Got back about noon and worked on and off until about 1730 MST. I donned my long johns, a bright red flannel shirt, sweater and coat, thinking I was ready for the cold. I must have looked like Elmer Fudd.

The homebrew vertical went up nicely and tuned right up. Used the FT-817/Z-11 with the cryogenically cooled front-end (the air was barely above freezing!) It was the first FYBO where all the gear worked FB, but dang, that cold just kept setting in deeper and deeper. I could see the snow approaching Socorro, but slipped by just south of me. But that's when the wind kicked in. While in FYBO QSO with K8UO on 10M, the wind blew over the vertical. Oops, my turn, so sent my exchange with the vertical laying on the ground, Andy in MI QSL'd like nothing happened, which verified my long standing belief that the New Mexico desert has NO electrical ground :-). Got the vertical back up with some guys and finished the contest, watching the wind bend that thing over the rest of the time. Did I mention the wind? It remained very windy the rest of the day. Karl Larsen, south of me, must have taken the brunt of that storm. Worked Bruce, AA5B, fellow NM QRP'er, who I think was up in snowy Sandia Mountains, handing out 14F when I worked him. Probably right, as I was at 5000 feet, and he 3-4K above that.

I was amazed at the number of stations I worked passing out temps from 14F to the mid-30's all day. We earned our stripes on this one! It's always fun working the stations to see what temp you are going to get, and even those sending 72 or 73 are fun to work ... just makes you feel a bit colder, that's all. And fun to work the new QRPers I've never heard before. Always good to hear new QRPers on the air. And towards the end, it's fun listening to some guy trying to whack out his exchange with his stiff, blue fingers, and you try using your stiff blue fingers to whomp an exchange back. Those exchanges around sundown start getting pretty interesting!

Nothing to brag about on my end. Ended up with 45 Q's, 25 SPC's for 42,600 pts. But it sure was fun. Did I mention the wind? After a green chili burrito at the truck stop, finally started thawing out about midnight. I'm getting too old for this stuff (but of course, I'll be back next year).

FYBO remains one of my favorite QRP events. Haven't missed one yet. The AZ ScQRPions deserve big kudo's for dreaming up this one. For those of us who worked "the field," we are qualified to say "I feel your pain" -hi. It was a cold one this year. I think Joe used a little to much juju in cooling things off for FYBO.

72, Paul bin freezin' NA5N

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Date: Sun, 03 Feb 2002 17:42:12 -0500  
From: Steven Weber <kd1jv@moose.ncia.net>  
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu  
Subject: [119005] Tent pole vertical  
Message-ID: <3.0.6.32.20020203174212.007abd10@mailhost.ncia.net>  
Mime-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

Howdy,

Seeing that my "tent pole" vertical has been successfully field tested, I put some details on its construction up on my web site. Sorry I don't yet have a photo of it in its operating position.

72,  
Steve, KD1JV  
"Melt Solder"  
White Mountains of New Hampshire  
<http://www.qsl.net/kd1jv/>

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Date: Sun, 3 Feb 2002 16:00:38 -0700 (MST)  
From: "Paul Harden, NA5N" <na5n@rt66.com>  
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu  
Subject: [119006] FYBO 10/15M  
Message-ID: <Pine.SUN.4.10.10202031555390.19160-100000@shell.rt66.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

Gang,

Forgot to add ... that plan to try 10M on the hour and 15M on the half hour was very successful. Again, that was Bruce AA5B's idea here in NM, and I think it really helped with the QSO counts, and got everybody together at the watering holes at the same time. It was really nice to hear so much activity on the higher bands. 20M was really bad here with klingon QRM, leaving only a 2-3 KHz hole around 14.060. It would have been horrible had everyone tried to work 20M all day. 10/15M really made it nice.

72, Paul NA5N

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Date: Sun, 03 Feb 2002 18:06:53 -0500  
From: "E. Roswell" <eroswell@monmouth.com>  
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU  
Subject: [119007] Re: ticks  
Message-ID: <3C5DC28D.A692409D@monmouth.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Right here:  
<http://www.embres.com/tick.htm>

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Date: Sun, 3 Feb 2002 18:03:57 EST  
From: K4IA@aol.com  
To: N2PTW@cs.com  
Cc: qrp-1@lehigh.edu  
Subject: [119008] Re: QSL cards from SK ...OT?  
Message-ID: <5a.5fd1738.298f1bdd@aol.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="US-ASCII"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

This reply may sound a little lame because it is only a hint but . . .

I have heard of a place in The Netherlands (?) that was establishing a QSL card museum and soliciting collections such as you describe. Maybe ARRL or a Google search will put you onto it.

Radio K4IA  
Craig Buck  
Fredericksburg, Virginia

K1#470 QRP/ARCI #2550  
FISTS 6702 CC 788

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Cheap Long Distance in and out of state, 800#s and more  
Tune to <A HREF="http://ldnet.net/?bucksavers">http://ldnet.net/?bucksavers</A>

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Date: Sun, 3 Feb 2002 18:24:27 -0500  
From: "w8diz" <w8diz@fpqrp.com>  
To: <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [119009] Where is XE2EKK  
Message-ID: <006f01c1ad09\$ed1805d0\$39d81b41@cinci.rr.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain;  
                charset="iso-8859-1"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Anyone know how to get in touch with XE2EKK?  
His previous email lou@gb.wave.net is bouncing.

tnx

72 & "oo's" - Dieter (DIZ) Gentzow - W8DIZ - Loveland, Ohio  
Clermont County - EM79uf - near Cincinnati; 39.218N - 84.305W  
SOC-8 DLQRPAG-1454 ARCI-10226 ARS-781 QRPL-1998 10X-9389 CATT-26  
FP#-1 <http://home.cinci.rr.com/w8diz> & <http://kitsandparts.com>

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Date: Sun, 3 Feb 2002 16:27:11 -0700  
From: Niels <nkristja@cadvision.com>  
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU  
Subject: [119010] PSK31 and Kenwood TS-570S  
Message-ID: <1.5.4.16.20020203163119.4bd7ac24@cadvision.com>  
Mime-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

Hi Gang,



I am working on my PSK31 setup and was wondering if any one here has hooked a TS-570 to a soundcard via the ACC2 (13 pin DIN) connector?

Please e-mail me off the list to keep the bandwidth usage down.

Thanks,

Niels Kristjansson  
VA6NJ  
Calgary, AB

e-mail: nkristja@cadvision.com

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Date: Sun, 3 Feb 2002 16:31:56 -0700  
From: Niels <nkristja@cadvision.com>  
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU  
Subject: [119011] Leader LTC-906  
Message-ID: <1.5.4.16.20020203163604.4bd7c29c@cadvision.com>  
Mime-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

Hi gang,

A Leader LTC-906 Transistor tester followed me home from a fleamarket yesterday and as usual there was no manual. Replaced the battery and the unit seems to work FB but I would like to have the manual. A photo copy would do and I will pay for the copy and postage. Paid \$10 Canadian for it, steal of a deal.

73 de Niels kristjansson  
VA6NJ  
Calgary, AB

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Date: Sun, 3 Feb 2002 18:58:17 EST  
From: KB90CE@aol.com  
To: kl7ixi@attbi.com,  
qrp-l@lehigh.edu (Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion)  
Subject: [119012] Re: Tin Alert  
Message-ID: <136.8639ea8.298f2899@aol.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="US-ASCII"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

If you want to see an unusual tin go to Barnes and Noble Books. They sell their own brand of cinnamon mints in tins and it's curved. The thing is just begging to have a nylon or leather watch band attached to it and a project put inside. Maybe a wrist CPO for code practice?

73  
Mike Truax  
Portage, Indiana  
EN61JN

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